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Comprehensive Examinations . . .

ACADEMIC achievement at Shimer College is measured by a series of comprehensive course examinations. Last spring for the first time, as a culmination of a year in which the full Chicago Plan curriculum had been put into effect, Shimer College administered the whole sequence of College comprehensive course examinations. These examinations measured the full year's work, and were prepared by the Board of Examiners of the University of Chicago in consultation with members of the faculty. The examinations were administered over a period of two weeks and consisted of both objective and essay type questions. They were then read anonymously with grades set prior to identification of the writer of the paper. Being held to the same standard as the students of the College of the University of Chicago, Shimer College students were able to indicate a level of achievement equal to that attained by students of comparable ability of the University of Chicago. Satisfactory development of the curriculum of the University of Chicago in the Shimer setting is a very heartening report for members of the College community as well as for the many alumni of the College.

Ford Foundation

LAST summer during the week of July 28, President A. J. Brumbaugh and Dean John H. Russel attended a special conference, called by the Fund for the Advancement of Education of the Ford Foundation, at Aspen, Colorado. Along with the eleven other participating colleges, Shimer College presented the report on the progress of the students who were admitted to Shimer a year ago under special scholarship program of The Fund for the Advancement of Education.

The group admitted a year ago numbered 34 students, most of whom had completed only two years of high school. The group consisted of 19 men and 15 women. While most of the students came from the State of Illinois, there were representatives from areas as far west as California, from Minnesota on the north, and from New York on the east.

The administration of Shimer College was pleased to be able to report to the Fund for the Advancement of Education that the students receiving these special scholarships had in general lived up to their academic and social expectations. Although this is an early stage in the program of special scholarship assistance, the College feels that it is achieving some measure of success in demonstrating that students of a fairly wide range of ability can perform satisfactorily in its specially developed educational program.

AUTUMN QUARTER EVENTS

On October 15 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a recital by Graciela Rivera, coloratura soprano from Puerto Rico. Miss Rivera studied at Juilliard and has had great success as a concert singer and with the New Orleans Opera Co. the San Carlo Opera Co. and the New York City Opera.

• On Saturday, November 1, Shimer will welcome to the campus the third annual education conference for teachers, counselors, and administrators of the area. The theme of the meeting will center on "The Changing Relationships between High Schools and Colleges." A representative of the Fund for the Advancement of Education of the Ford Foundation will address the group.

• In December there will be on campus a conference for college, university and government personnel on government and the social services.

Parents Weekend is being planned for November 8 and at 8:00 P.M. there will be a concert by Ennio Bolognini, cellist. Mr. Bolognini, after his period of training in Buenos Aires, held for three years a position in the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. He is regular conductor of the Waukegan Philharmonic and for the last 10 years has been staff concert cellist on N.B.C.



• The Mt. Carroll postoffice is using a cancellation stamp to publicize the Shimer Centennial. Watch for it on mail from Mt. Carroll—"Shimer College Centennial, 1853-1953".



• The Centennial Seal which is being widely used this year is based on a design made by Ramona Allen, Shimer '33, a simple pattern of four Doric columns crossed by a torch. It seems like a tribute of this talented alumna to use her design as the center of the seal. The colors used are the Shimer colors, maroon and gold, and the legend reads, Shimer College, 1853-1953, 100th Anniversary, Just in case you have forgotten, gold was the school color of the old Mt. Carroll Seminary, and maroon was, and still is the color of the University of Chicago.

We would like to have you honor your college by using some of these seals during our anniversary year. We have them available in packages of 10, 50 or 100 at 1½ cents each. When you send your annual dues and your gift to the Endowment Fund get some of the stickers.

• On Sunday, September 7, there was held on the South Campus a Doctor's Day Celebration, honoring three Mt. Carroll doctors, Dr. Samuel P. Colehour, Dr. Glenn E. Mershon, and Dr. Rollin B. Rice, each of whom has devoted more than fifty years of medical service to this community. Among the speakers of the day were Dr. Brumbaugh, President of the College, Dr. Flexman, President of the Carroll County Medical Society, Dr. Cross, Director, State Department of Health, and Dr. James H. Hutton, Past President, Chicago Medical Society and Illinois State Medical Society. A new concert march, "Doctors Dauntless" by Fred M. Hubbell, Director of the Mt. Carroll Band, was a feature of the program.

A public reception and refreshments on the green concluded the program. It was estimated that about 1,000 persons were present for the program.

NEW TRUSTEES

● During the past year three new members have been added to the Board of Trustees: Mrs. George F. Nichols of Dixon, Ill.; Mrs. Edward Foss Wilson of Winnetka, and Dr. Robert Strozier of the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Nichols (Myra Alice Warner, Shimer '33) was elected as alumna trustee to serve a three year term. On leaving Shimer she spent one year at Northwestern transferring to the University of Chicago Law School where she received her A.B. degree in 1935 and was admitted to the Bar of the State of Illinois in April 1939. For three years she was employed in the Treasurer's office at the University of Chicago as assistant to Attorney H. H. Moore. In 1940 she was married to George F. Nichols who had received his J.D. from Law School of the U. of C. Since 1942 they have lived in Dixon, Ill. where they are busy with three sons and a small daughter. For the past five years Mrs. Nichols has served on the Lee County Board of Health.

Mrs. Edward Foss Wilson was graduated from Vassar College in 1928 and received her M.S. the following year in Biochemistry from the University of Pennsylvania. For eight years she was instructor and assistant professor of Biology and Chemistry at Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland. Before her marriage in 1940 she was Counselor for Women at Northwestern University and Instructor in Hygiene.

Mr. Strozier is Dean of Students, Associate Professor of Romance Languages, and Secretary of the Faculties of the University of Chicago. He has been associated with the University of Chicago since 1945 and has held the position of Dean of Students since 1946. He holds the following degrees: B.Ph., Emory University, 1929, A.M., 1930; Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1945.

Among his outside activities are the following:

Member, Board of Directors of the University of Chicago Settlement

Member, Board of Governors of International House

Member, Board of Trustees of the Chicago Musical College

Member, Board of Trustees of Shimer College

Member, National Association Student Personnel Administrators

Member, Advisory Board of the Masaryk Institute

Member of the Modern Language Association.

Dean Strozier is a Consultant to the State Department and is a Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur. In 1949 he represented the Chicago Chapter of the Comite France-Amerique and the University of Chicago at the International meeting of the France-Amerique in Paris where he gave a paper.

Dean Strozier has shown a keen interest in the Shimer program and as a member of the Board will make a significant contribution to the development of this program.



HENRY WILMARTH HAZZEN

1878-1896

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT TEACHER

A recent gift to the College was from W. F. Brewer, of Lodi, California, a copy of a volume of 'Fourteen Sonnets and Poems' by Henry Wilmarth Hazzen who will be remembered by many as an early and inspiring member of the 'Seminary' faculty. The volume belonged to Mr. Brewer's wife, Mabel Gertrude Booth Brewer, a graduate in the class of 1894. In writing of possible publicity of the gift Mr. Brewer wrote, "I have no desire to urge any such publicity, but if it is intended, and I am not too late, I should like to suggest that the notice take the form of a tribute to Mr. Hazzen, Mabel's old teacher. His supreme author for his teaching of literature was Ralph Waldo Emerson, the great American Philosopher. He made Emerson a living force in the lives of his pupils. After Mabel and I were married we had her volume of Emerson's Essays which she used in his classes rebound. She went to the volume again and again in later years and the second volume was worn out before her death. Mrs. Brewer died June 11, 1951. When I gave the Emerson to my older daughter a few days ago the daughter found in the book dated notes and clippings showing she had gone back to reread again in very recent years. A lasting love of the things he taught is the finest tribute to a great teacher."

MISS RUBY BAXTER

● Twenty five years ago this fall Miss Baxter came to Frances Shimer Junior College and Preparatory School to teach mathematics. During the years since then, her field of activities has been much wider than that simple statement seems to imply. Indeed the various names under which the school has functioned since then and the various changes here in personnel and curriculum seem to coincide with her wide range of activities.



MISS RUBY BAXTER

Miss Baxter came as a graduate of MacMurray College with an A.M. in Mathematics from the University of Illinois and five years of teaching experience. After three years at Shimer she became head of McKee Hall, a position which she held for many years. Her teaching field has been varied. Courses in Psychology and Education and co-operative teaching in Physical Science have been added at times to her work in Mathematics. Former students will remember evening laboratory sessions to look at stars and visits to country schools under her supervision. A combination of firmness and sympathy, a keen mind and ready wit and tireless energy have made her an admired and successful teacher and administrator.

For many years she was the sponsor of student government and of the Christian Service League. Twice she has been registrar of the College and again this year she is holding this position.

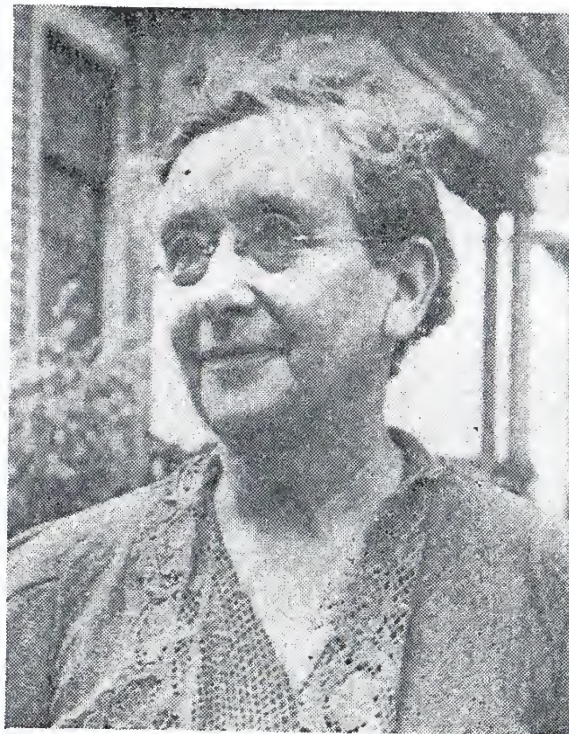
She has been active in the Carroll Chapter of D.A.R. having held at various intervals the position of Secretary, Treasurer and Regent.

FORMER FACULTY

● Good news has come from Clarence Millspaugh (English 1940-'44). He has written, "Last week the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York confirmed my appointment as Assistant to the president. The job which I shall be called upon to do represents the greatest challenge which I have ever encountered. The State University of New York, was created by law in 1948 to administer the destinies of 33 institutions in upstate New York. New York's state university differs from other large state institutions in that it has no central campus. With enrollment of 40,000 students and a faculty of nearly 4,000 it is the seventh largest university in the nation. My principal responsibility will be to assist the President and his staff of executive deans in the development and establishment of new institutions. My fairly long experience in government administration will stand me in good stead; indeed President Carlson expects to use me as liason officer between the University and Governor's office. I shall be busy as you see but it will be stimulating work which I shall attack with vigor and eagerness."

● Miss Elsie Morrison, since her retirement from teaching Mathematics at West Allis High School, has been living in her own home in South Milwaukee. It is a delightful place, high above Lake Michigan which is visible from nearly every window in her house and is especially spectacular from the deck roof. Next door to her lives Ellen Swetil Smongeski, Instructor in Physical Education at Shimer 1922-'23, and a spacious lot on the other side is owned by Irene Grant, Shimer 1913, who for many years has been Physical Therapist at Muirdale Sanatorium in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Since Miss Morrison's home town has been Milwaukee she has many friends



MISS ELSIE MORRISON

and relatives to help her enjoy her delightful home.

● Dolores Marcks (Instructor in Piano and Theory, 1951-'52) was married to Calvin Flaig on June 29, 1952. After a honeymoon trip to the Smokey Mountain National Park, Tennessee and North Carolina they are making their home in Dubuque, Iowa.

● Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tripp and their son, Philip Jr. are living in Chicago, 5847 Blackstone Ave., Apt. 2B. Mr. Tripp is doing graduate work at the University of Chicago.

● Edith Smith, (Instructor in Science, 1919-1920) was a campus visitor during the summer. She has been holding a position in industry near Chicago for many years.

● L. Albert Wilson (Dean, 1944-1948) has been appointed to an administrative post in Pakistan, India, with the government foreign policy aid program. The family will accompany him for a two year stay. Since leaving Shimer four years ago Mr. Wilson has been an Admissions Counsellor with the University of Chicago.



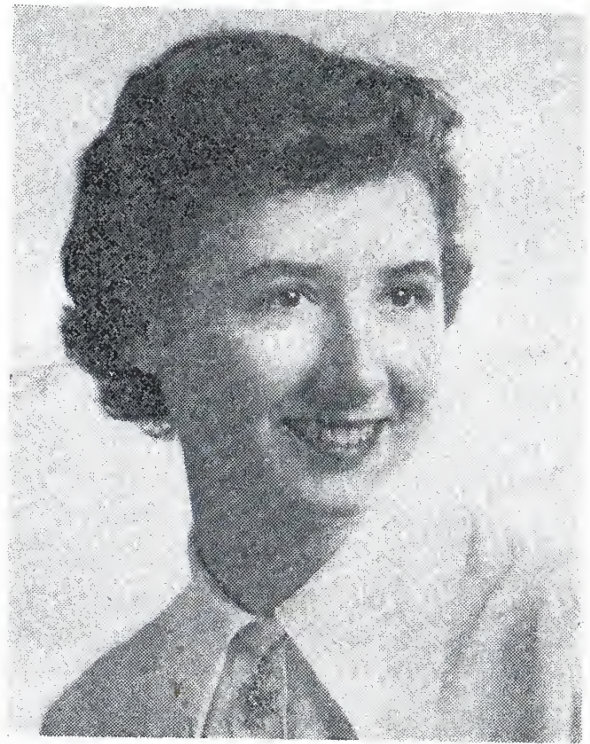
ROBERT W. RUSSELL

NEW FACULTY

• There have been very few changes in the faculty this year. Miss Oberlander replaces Miss Marcks as instructor in piano, organ and theory, and Mr. Russell replaces Mr. Tripp as instructor in English. A new member has been added in the Science department and a Dean of Students, Joseph P. Schnitzen, has been added to the staff.

Robert W. Russell, of Binghamton, N.Y. has his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Yale University and has recently completed three years of study at Oxford University in England where he was awarded the B.Litt. degree. Mr. Russell has had two years experience in teaching at Harpur College a branch of the State University of New York, located at the tri-cities of Endicott, Johnson City and Binghamton.

Mrs. Russell's early home was in the Orkney Islands and later at Lands End in Cornwall. She got her B.A. degree at Oxford and made the acquaintance of Mr. Russell when both were working in the Bodleian Library. Mr. and Mrs. Russell and their seven weeks old son, Richard, will live in the Hoffman House.



PATRICIA OBERLANDER

Miss Patricia Oberlander received her B.M. in 1951 from Knox College and her Masters Degree from the University of Iowa this summer with piano as her major. At Knox College she was elected to Pi Kappa Lambda and is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity.



ZENS SMITH

Mr. Zens Smith received his B.S. degree from Knox College. During the

first World War he was attached to the French Army Air Service and discharged from the service with rank of Captain. For several years he held positions in industry returning to educational work at Knox College and finally to the University of Chicago where he holds at present the rank of associate professor in Physical Science. His hobbies are interesting, strumming the guitar, collecting folk songs, particularly those with Chicago background, and hunting for and polishing Petosky stones and other fossils. Mr. Smith is on assignment this year from the University and will be resident on campus during the school week.

Joseph P. Schnitzen of Chicago will be Dean of students and resident head of Bennett Hall. He will assume some of the duties which have been performed by Dean John Russel. He has been taking graduate work in the fields of social science and counseling at the University of Chicago and at the same time has been serving as counselor to veterans at the University. We hope to have his picture in a later issue of the Record.



Photo by Law

FIVE GENERATIONS

Many of the Alumnae will recognize the picture below as the 'Gifford Family', long time friends of Shimer. In the back row are George, still the faithful taxi driver, and his daughter, Ruth, Mrs. Sam Grimm. In the front row are Mrs. Elizabeth Gifford, for many years a campus employee, mother of George and great-great grandmother of small Vickie Sue who is held by her mother George's granddaughter, Mrs. Ronald Weidman.

MARRIAGES

Polly Grauer, '48 to Robert Keaney on August 26, 1950. They are living at 217 Castle Shannon Blvd., Pittsburg 28, Pa.

Barbara Louise Johnson, '50, to Harold W. Arnum Jr. on June 28, 1952.

Carolyn Berkstresser, '47 to Albert H. Burch on August 28, 1952.

Mary Jane Berkstresser, '50 to Robert W. Weissmiller on August 16, 1952.

Patsy Lew, '49, to Leonard Tong on August 24, in Peoria, Ill.

Shirley Axelson, '51 to Sam Natale on August 30, 1952.

Charlotte Edison to Donald Warren Segal on August 31, 1952.

Mary Ellen Hageman, '50 was married in June to Edwin R. Walda at Clear Lake, Indiana.

Janet Laven to William B. Morris in June at South Bend, Ind. Mr. Morris is in the service now.

Lynn Baker, '48 to Robert Groetke on August 22 in River Forest, Ill.

DECEASED

After an illness of three years *Mary Fry*, '98, life long resident of Cedarville, Illinois, died in a nursing home in Warren, Ill. in August. Burial was in the Cedarville cemetery.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Landa, (Lois Miller, '47) a daughter, Jane Elyse, on June 20, 1952.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Healy, (Vera Eckert, '52) a son, Timothy James, on August 13, 1952.

To Dr. and Mrs. John M. Irvin, (Virginia Van de Sand, '42) a daughter, Sandra Louise, on August 10, 1952.

To Mr. and Mrs. George F. Nichols, (Myra Alice Warner, '33) a daughter, Nancy, on September 10, 1952.

To Cpl. and Mrs. Bewyn C. Beckman (Shirley Johnson, '50) a girl on August 8, 1952.

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Timmerman, (Jeanne Woodside, '41) a daughter Donna Jeanne, on July 14, 1952.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Ploshay, (Aurel Spuehler, '38) a daughter, Wendy Ann, on July 21, 1952.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Wright, (Caroline Hand, '49) a daughter on May 3, 1952, named Jennifer Lee.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cleo J. Wilson, (Mary Ann Hemmingson, '47) a son, Thomas James, on November 2, 1951.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. McNamee, (Gladys Runyan, '40) in New York City a daughter on July 7, 1952. They also have a son, age 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Leary, (Mary Ileen Bullis, '39) of Olympia, Washington, a daughter on July 5, 1952.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schoening, (Ruth Brudi, '52) a son on July 3, 1952.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. McEncroe, (Donna Zipprich, '47) a son, July 3, 1952.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Luscombe, (Joan Kruse, '48) a son, George Thomas III, on July 12, 1952. They also have a daughter, Kandice Jo, age 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. James T. Cunningham, (Joan Rockey, '38) a daughter, Jill Agnes, on June 6, 1952.

SCATTERED FAMILY

1881

Elva Calkins Briggs, the last of the Calkins family in Wyoming, Iowa, died at her daughter's home in Minneapolis on June 28, 1952. Mrs. Briggs was, until her death, the oldest living graduate of the Mt. Carroll Seminary of whom we have record. We believe that this distinction now belongs to Miss Lillian Clemmer of the class of 1882.

Mrs. Briggs was an active member of her church and of many clubs and societies, among them the Minneapolis Women's club, the Iowa State Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution and was the organizer of the Frances Shimer Alumni Association of the Twin Cities.

1902

Marion Hallett Jones knows what 'Retiring' means. "I do not like that word because one really just transfers from one activity to another. I have never missed my work, really, but I landed in the hospital before I could make up my mind to make the break. And I have become sufficiently involved in so many duties that I have never really started to do anything planned during previous years of anticipation when I thought I would have 'Leisure'. That word is very misleading." Yes, Marion knows.

1916

Reasons why *Ruth Hildebrandt* Fender feels that she should not accept an office in the Chicago Alumni group: "At present I'm busy preparing my fall mailing for Back to School—and soon our spring buying starts—you know we are always six months ahead—then we hope to spend a month or so in California, and if we don't make that, it will be Florida again.

I may have mentioned to you that I am a Gray Lady with the Red Cross and was called back to the Mobile Blood Bank a year ago in May. I try to give one day a week to that. Easter again is a very busy time at the store,

and in between we sandwich the four grandchildren."

During the summer a trip south took the Fenders to Ashville, N. Carolina where they spent a fine evening with the Chase Bennetts who are at present living there.

1920

Geneva Van Avery (Pink) Follette and her daughter Jane visited campus in June on a trip north from Clinton, Illinois, where she had been visiting Grace Riddle Moots whom she had not seen for 32 years. Geneva has two daughters and a son and Grace has three daughters.

1924

Ellen Burkhart spent the past summer travelling in England and Scotland.

1926

Jane Darby Compton is an active member of the National Grandmothers Club.

She writes, "At this time I am club president and we have fifty members with new ones coming in all the time. Besides having a number of social activities, we do a great deal of welfare work, keeping the grandmas busy all the time. I have two grandchildren who reside in Washington, D.C. where my son is stationed, and I am now planning to see them in October when I come to Chicago on a National Convention and will go on to Washington. Just a short time ago, the National President of this organization was in California and stayed with us here in Long Beach for about a week. Mrs. Dorothea Sullivan is a wonderful woman and loved by all. No doubt a number of Shimerites who are now grandmothers have heard of the club, but in the event they have not, I hope they will perhaps learn of it through the Shimer Record. Headquarters are the Morrison Hotel, Chicago or c/o Dorothea Sullivan, 4434 Monitor, Chicago."

Jane sees Marjorie Kiser Nye frequently. In regard to Grace Thompson, about whom Jane inquires, we have

had no address for her since mail was returned in 1936. We also have no address for Marjorie Kiser Nye.

Mary Kinney is on a semester leave from Simmons College School of Library Science and is spending a month in Hawaii before starting work on a bibliographical style manual for library students. For the past ten years Mary has been teaching courses in reference bibliography and government documents.

1929

A card from *Gertrude Best*, "At long last I have arrived in Switzerland after some years of just dreaming about it. Flew over from New York landing in Zurich. Perfect flight. Leave here July 1 for Scandinavia, Finland and the Olympics. Everything better than I imagined. Having a grand time."

1934

Winifred Beck McDaniel from Darlington visited this summer at the home of *Fern Rogers Siefert*, '28 in Mt. Carroll. The acquaintance was due to the fact that their daughters have been pen pals in the 7th grade. Winifred has two girls and a boy.

Sally Butler Schultz has four children and is living in Northbrook, Ill.

1935

From *Dorothy Smythe* Swanson, "We have adopted a boy from the Cradle of Evanston. His name is David William, born June 18, 1952. My husband is advertising manager for 'Accent', the wonderful new food seasoning."

1936

A two column picture of *Alice Hamilton* appeared this summer on the front page of the Houston Texas "Chronicle." Alice is secretary to the Council of State Governors with offices in Chicago. She was in Houston for the annual conference of the governors organization.

1938

Jean Love McManus wonders if there are any "gals of her generation" in Northern California and what became of Margaret 'Peggy' Hodge. Our last news of Peggy was that she was in the

SPARS. Jean's address is 362 Solana Drive, Los Altos, Calif.

Jean Bossardet Murphy has a four year old son and a daughter Patricia Jean, born September 14, 1951. They are living in a new home at 15907 Mansfield, Detroit, Mich. Mr. Murphy is a salesman for the Home Glass Company in Detroit.

Ellen Birkett reports a most interesting and rugged eight weeks at the Biological Station of the University of Michigan at Cheboygan, Michigan. She wrote, during the summer, "The people are biologists, teachers and research students and very nice. There are so many kinds of research going on, I hope I can remember it all—many reports and seminars and most stimulating. The professors are from all parts of the U. S. I have a Harvard prof for Botany and a John Hopkins prof for Protozoa. A typical class is our "Fern" class which met yesterday. Classes start at 7:45 a.m. (except the ornithology classes which start at 5:00 in the morning and which I am not taking). We had an hour lecture and at 9:00 went in to the field, by station wagon, class of 7, to various lakes, forest and meadows, to see plants. At each locality the prof lectures about habitat, method of growth, etc. and we collect samples of each plant. We ate lunch in the field, then went out in boats on a lake looking for a fern which grows on lake bottoms and luckily we found it, after much rowing, surface diving, etc. We arrived back at the station at 4:00 p. m., worked on the collections making microscopic studies and drawing until 5:00 and continued after dinner in the evening."

1942

Jeannette Hostetter Ford and her family are living in Bakersfield, California, 3107 Doresta Drive. There are two children, Charlotte, age 6 and Carolyn, age 1½. None of them likes earthquakes and Mr. Ford, who is a geologist, thinks that some of the reporting about the

'epicenter' of the affair has been very inaccurate.

1943

From *Jackie Kramer*, "I'm working on a Kaiserslautern area soldier show and it is in rehearsal every night and I do love working on it. Nice kids and lots of fun. It will tour the various places and I'm fortunate to have two girls both marvelous singers and they are something like a gold mine as women are scarce in these shows usually. So it looks good."

1945

Sue Searle graduated this June, Phi Beta Kappa, from Beloit College and this fall will be attending the graduate school of Social Work at the University of North Carolina. Her home address is 512 College Ave., Rockford, Ill.

1947

Donna Laird is teaching science this year in a high school in a rural community in Elkton, Michigan. She spent last summer on the ocean in Virginia and is making plans to go to Europe next summer.

Carol Cannon is Mrs. Phil Stoddard. They are living in Washington, D.C. where Mr. Stoddard is an instructor in the Marine Corps. Their daughter Michelle was born in August.

Mary Hoyt completed in June her five year course in nursing at Northwestern University. She has been in residence this summer at the Evanston Hospital.

Donna Zipprich was graduated from Northwestern University in June 1950 and was married to Paul R. McEncroe on July 1 of that year. Their oldest son John was born July 12, 1951. They are living at 632 Brent Avenue, So. Pasadena, Calif. and would like to get in touch with Shimer friends.

It was a busy summer for the *Berkstresser* family in Mt. Carroll. Carolyn spent six weeks on a trip to Europe coming home just in time to help her parents move to the former home of Della Melendy Babcock in Mt. Carroll

and get her sister Mary Jane Weissmiller settled before her own wedding.

Carolyn is to live in Sterling where her husband is partner in the Bender and Burch Music Co. They are living at 1714 Avenue C in Sterling.

1948

Frances Gilpin has been teaching third grade in James Whitcomb Riley School in Indianapolis.

Pat Gilpin Bullard is living in Oklahoma City where her husband is petroleum engineer with the Carter Oil Company. They have two children, ages 2½ and 1.

Donnamae Johnson Badiner has two sons, Billy, age 3 and Jimmy, age 10 months. She is living in Minneapolis, Minn.

We are glad to receive notes like the recent one from *May Stern Mitchner*. She writes, "Although I only was with you 5½ months, I look forward eagerly to each new copy of the Alumni News. I only hope you will continue to send it." The Mitchners own their own home at 18701 Maplewood Ave., Cleveland 11, Ohio.

Lynn Baker and her husband, Robert Groetke, both graduated from Northwestern University in June. Lynn is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

1949

Charlene Ross was graduated in June from Bradley University and has accepted employment with the American Pulp and Paper Company in Chicago.

Patsy Lew's wedding was an unusually delightful occasion. It was a traditionally American wedding with former President Bro officiating. The presence however of Kay Okamoto and many friends of both the bride and the groom gave a distinctly Oriental air to the entire ceremony. The wedding cake was baked in Chinese custom with a white sugar fence and a red gate of Chinese architecture on which red Chinese characters were placed, signifying double happiness.

Mr. Tong received his M.S. degree from the University of Tennessee and is now working on his Ph.D. in chemical engineering at Columbia University in New York City. Their present address is 67135 Yellowstone Blvd., Apt. 5C, Forest Hills, N. Y.

1950

Mary Jane Berkstresser Weissmiller attended Iowa State Teachers College after leaving Shimer and will teach in the Mt. Carroll kindergarten this year. Mr. Weissmiller is a graduate of Depauw University in Greencastle, Ind. and the Northwestern Law School in Evanston. He served in India during World War II. He has practiced law in Mt. Carroll for five years and is the Republican candidate for state's attorney for Carroll County at the general election in November.

Pat Hatton will be in Washington D. C. this winter carrying on the work Janet has been doing at the Argentine Embassy. Janet is hoping to get a job on the west coast this winter.

Carolyn Piper was delegate to Gamma Phi Beta convention in Coronado, California, this summer. She is majoring in art at the University of Wisconsin. During the month of August she was counselor and swimming instructor in Boulder Junction, Wisconsin.

Harriet Kirchhoff is majoring in Speech Correction at the University of Wisconsin.

Jean Hemmingson Rosheim spent the summer at Camp Roberts, California, where her husband was attending leadership school while Jean worked as dentist's assistant at the camp.

REUNION CHOIR

Frank Pooler, Shimer Choir Director, invites all interested choir alums to return for the Fine Arts Festival in May and take part in choir activities on that occasion. Look for further information in the January issue of the RECORD.

To all Alums and old Students:

The picture on the cover shows that the Centennial Planning Committee is still at work. We do hope that many of you will be able to attend some of the events that are being planned. Now about dues and Endowment gifts. Officers of the National Alumni Association at the annual business meeting in May agreed that since the financial report presented was from July 1, 1951 to May 10, 1952 they would accept it as the annual report and dues collected on May 10 and following that date should be recorded as dues paid for 1952-'53. Those who have paid dues for the coming year are: Clara Ackerman, Vera Men-eilley Bowman, Ellen Burkhart, Ruth Chrissinger Cook, Betty Slocum Egelston, Dorothy Metz Guentner, Jacqueline Gay Holten, A. Beth Hostetter, Phoebe Graham Horn, Ellen Francke Irwin, Jeanne Keck, Florence Keiser, Lois Miller Landa, Jacqueline LaRoy, Priscilla Schoen, Frieda Schwing.

This is a good beginning and this is your announcement that *your* dues are payable *now*. You will not receive a personal notification. On the back page of this issue is a blank for you to use and news is always acceptable.

Last year we had 91 paid members and according to agreement \$91.00 was paid to the college to be applied on the publishing of the RECORD. Each issue, and we have four of them during the year, costs the college about 10 cents a copy. We should have about 1000 members at \$2.00 to cover the actual cost of printing and cuts.

PAY YOUR DUES NOW UNLESS YOUR NAME IS LISTED ABOVE.

Then there is the matter of the LIVING ENDOWMENT FUND. Last year we had 48 donors to that fund. The National Alumni association receives from the college 15% of the amount received and this year they applied it to the redecorating of Faculty Parlor in West Hall. Twenty six dollars has

already been given this year for this fund. Don't hesitate to give small sums. Many alums last year gave gifts of one or two dollars. If even 1000 of the alums on the mailing list of 3000 gave one dollar each we would have the equivalent to an income from a fund of approximately \$35,000 invested at 3%. Think that over a while. The average gift last year was about \$8.00.

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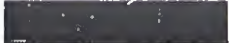
THE NEW YEAR

*As speed the years in their unceasing
roll,
A sense of newness fills each breaking
morn;
And aims, by which we would our
lives adorn,
Fresh impulse gain from out each
anxious soul.
Yet with each falling night misgivings
come
From partial failure, warding off
dismay
By new resolves that wait the coming
day,—
When, lo! the Fates our purpose will
benumb.
Master is he, thus conscious of life's
stress,
Who, year by year thro' toil, a path
has found
To best from better, as its vantage
ground;
And he whose mission, too, has been
far less,
To strive in sunshine, than in shadows
grobe,
Still finds his heart replete with youth
and hope.*


Selected from Fourteen Sonnets and Poems by Henry Wilmarth Hazzen.

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And I can become an important person in the life of your college if you'll only make use of me. You see, your school has many places it could put me . . .

 I could be used for scholarship purposes.

I could be used to purchase new books for the library . . .

 I could provide a better lecture and recital series . . .

I could buy a new car for the Admissions Office . . .

I Very in Size . . .

according to the amount of faith you have in my purpose. I don't know that it's necessary to explain in more detail my eventual use.

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